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## WOMEN LEAD MOBS IN WILD ATTACKS

### Night of Terror Closes Week in Pittsburgh Strike Zone.

## ATTEMPT MADE TO BLOW UP BUILDING

### Arrival of Troopers Saves Three Men from Being Hurling Over Viaduct—Negro Cooks Beaten With Ladles and Pokers—Pas- sengers Assaulted.

PITTSBURGH, PA., August 21.—A night of wild rioting among the striking workmen closed the week at the Tressel Steel Car Company's plant in Schoenerville. A daring attempt, partly successful, to blow up the office building of the company was made. This was the signal for serious clashes between State troopers and strike sympathizers, in which a dozen or more men were injured.

Shortly after 10 o'clock to-night more than half a thousand women and children gathered about the company's restaurant in McKee's Rocks, and were partially dispersed by mounted troopers. One bold woman stood out of the mob, and drawing a gas pipe loaded with powder, threw it at the feet of a trooper's horse. The bomb failed to explode. The crowd of women again formed in the streets, and as a last resort a fire hose was played on them. This was effective.

### Serious Riots.

While the angry women swarmed the streets a concerted attack was made upon the company's restaurant from the rear. Setting upon negro cooks with ladles, pokers and cooking spoons, about fifty women beat an entrance into the kitchen of the establishment and made off with five barrels of potatoes, a barrel of onions and several cauldrons of steaming soup.

A more serious riot occurred meanwhile at a viaduct over the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad. Strike sympathizers there began stopping street cars and holding up passengers for close scrutiny. Three men who could not satisfactorily explain their presence in McKee's Rocks were hurled through a car window. Then they were dragged to the edge of the viaduct, fifty feet below which lay the tracks of the railroad, and only escaped being thrown over by the arrival of a detachment of troopers.

### Lined Nitrocellulose.

Shortly before 11 o'clock an attempt was made to blow up the office building of the car plant. Nitrocellulose caps were thrown over the stockade and more than twenty feet of rock supported the office building was torn away by the explosion. There is no clue as to the identity of the men responsible for the deed.

On a street car a dozen or more male passengers were severely injured by strike sympathizers, but were rescued by troopers.

Yesterday was pay day at the car company's plant, many of its striking employees drawing money due them since they were weeks ago.

### Physician Shot.

A short time after midnight Dr. J. W. Davidson, physician in charge of the company's emergency hospital, while walking toward a car to return to his home in Pittsburgh, was twice wounded and severely injured by bullets fired by strike sympathizers. His condition is not considered serious.

During an altercation between State troopers and a crowd of idle men near the Schoenerville entrance to the car plant, it was reported that William Lee, one of the executive committee of the strikers, had been fatally shot by a bullet from an automatic revolver. The report could not be verified.

### Consult Demands Inquiry.

A charge of poisoning was formally made today to State Attorney Frank N. Hoffa, president of the Pressed Steel Car Company, and Samuel W. Cohen, an official of the Schoenerville plant.

Albert Vamos, who claims to be a resident of New York City, alleges that he was brought here in complete ignorance of the state of conditions at Schoenerville. On August 16 he made an attempt to escape from the plant, first asking permission from Cohen to leave. He alleges that he was beaten severely, that he was taken to a hospital, from which institution he was released only yesterday. Before appealing to the United States commissioner, Vamos solicited the aid of the Austro-Hungarian consul, who in turn immediately started an investigation regarding the alleged illegal detention of Austrians and Hungarians at the plant of the car company. The consul, Edgar L. G. Pyschinsky, to-night said he had been informed that many of his countrymen were being held in the car plant against their will.

"If this is true," he declared, "I will take extreme measures to straighten the matter out."

### Let Out Embassies.

Later today the car company sent emissaries throughout the striking zone. It is said, and made advances to the strikers as individuals, prefacing their appeal with an offer of a cash bonus, a month's rent free, and the 1007 scale of wages, the agents asking the striking men to return to work Monday. It is claimed by the emissaries that the car company will be unable to operate permanently without skilled workmen, hence the offer.

The imported workmen in the Ohio Hospital, suffering from ptomaine poisoning, said to have been the result of eating the tainted goods in the commissary, the car company, are to-night in a serious condition.

### Cuba Facing a Crisis.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
HAVANA, August 21.—Most of the newspapers, with the exception of the government organs, continue their attacks on the administration for its alleged failure and say there is urgent need for the President to turn over a new leaf.

## CAR CRASHES INTO POLE

### Prominent Chicago Man Killed and Six Others Injured.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., August 21.—A large touring car was bowling along the macadamized road between this city and Metuchen at a rate of about forty miles an hour at 3:15 this afternoon, when suddenly the steering gear broke, and before the chauffeur could even throw the emergency brake, the machine crashed into a telegraph pole, and every one of the seven occupants of the car was either killed or seriously injured.

George A. MacLean, Jr., son of the manager of Marshall Field and Company of Chicago, was killed outright. The injured: Mr. and Mrs. MacLean, Miss Dorothy MacLean, Miss Jeanette McDonald and Miss Harriett McDonald, of Chicago, and Oscar, colored chauffeur, of Indianapolis.

At the time of the accident the party were on their way from Princeton, N. Y., to New York. The car was a six-cylinder Oldsmobile, and was owned by Mr. MacLean. When Scott, the chauffeur, first noticed that something was wrong with the steering gear, he immediately applied the brakes, but before he had got a hundred feet, the heavy machine plunged across the ditch and swung with terrific force broadside against the telegraph pole.

The occupants were hurled in all directions. Mr. MacLean, landing fully 100 feet away, with his back broken. Young MacLean, who was riding in front with the chauffeur, was dashed headforemost into the telegraph pole and was killed instantly.

One of the women suffered broken arms.

## DENIES HARRIMAN STORY

### Secretary Says He Is Not Suffering From Incurable Disease.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
ALBANY, N. Y., August 21.—Alexander H. Harriman, secretary of the Union Pacific Railroad, and also private secretary to E. H. Harriman, when asked at his home in this city to-night, whether he believed in the denial of the rumor that Mr. Harriman is suffering from cancer of the stomach, he said: "I am not a physician and cannot give an expert opinion of the question of Mr. Harriman's health, but I am with him from June 10 to August 10, and I can say that when I left Mr. Harriman in England to go to my old home in Scotland, I never saw him looking better. He was in the best of health, and he was well. Mr. Harriman ate and lived just the same as the other members of the party while abroad. I don't believe that there is anything wrong with his stomach. His chief trouble seemed to be of a rheumatic nature, and I am sure that he has recovered from it. He has taken abroad were greatly beneficial to him."

"I know that last winter he had ptomaine poisoning and he felt the effects of it for several months. It is possible that this may have aggravated the rheumatic trouble at the same time that the digestive system was upset, but so far as suffering from a cancerous growth I cannot believe it."

"While Mr. Harriman and myself were abroad we consulted several eminent physicians. I also took baths for rheumatism, and I am sure that I benefited. I am not sure that I will ever rid myself of the disease. However, I am feeling much better and believe the trip did me lots of good."

"During the eleven years that I have been associated with Mr. Harriman, I have learned to love and admire him for his many excellent qualities, and I should regret exceedingly to learn that he was suffering from any incurable disease."

## NO BLUE UNIFORM FOR HIM

### Veteran Appointed on Governor's Staff Refuses to Take Oath.

ATLANTA, GA., August 21.—A real "unreconstructed rebel" has been found here in Atlanta. He is Colonel G. N. Saussey, of Sylvester.

The Governor recently named Colonel Saussey a colonel on his personal staff, and the Adjutant-General mailed the old rebel a blue uniform, together with the oath of allegiance to the United States. He refused to take the oath. He erased the word blue wherever it appeared in the regulations for the form and substituted the word "gray."

Then he erased the oath to the United States, and wrote: "I except the amendments. I am a Confederate soldier still on parole, and while pledged to the United States, I will retain the laws I had when I entered the Confederate army. I have never taken the oath of allegiance to the United States, and while God gives me life, I never will."

## PLANNED DOUBLE MURDER

### But When Man Saw Elopement Wife He Could Wait No Longer.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WILKESBARRE, PA., August 21.—Having planned a double murder, Geo. L. Marion, of New York, who last night was in the office of Chief of Police Long, of this city, said to-day that the only feeling he had regarding the crime was regret that he did not also get James C. Brooks, who ran away with the woman a month ago from Wilkes-Barre, and married her, only to desert her a week later.

Marion came here from New York City on the train last night with a revolver, and under his waistcoat with a shoe string and a small pair of scissors in his waistcoat to cut the strings of the woman's shoes, which he had intended to kill both his wife and Brooks, but that when he saw the woman he was overcome with fear and to order her without waiting any longer.

## ASHAMED OF EMBASSIES

### Agent of Association Comments on Neglect of Government.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NEW YORK, August 21.—Mr. C. Townsend, who is making a tour of the European capitals collecting information for the American Embassy Association, has been in Berlin all the week inspecting the German Embassy. He admitted that the Berlin embassy quarters might have shocked him if he had not seen the London embassy first.

The fairly creditable appearance of number of American diplomatic establishments, Mr. Townsend thinks, is due to the pride and patriotism of the ministers, who share their house rent with the government and do the best they can to make a presentable showing.

## Major Richardson Dead.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., August 21.—Major Henry B. Richardson, a member of the Mississippi River Commission, died here to-day after a brief illness. Major Richardson served as a staff officer in the Army of Northern Virginia during the Civil War. He was a native of Maine.

## ASSASSIN PAYS QUICK PENALTY

### Kills and Robs Victim and Is Lynched by Posse.

## HELPLESS, MANY WITNESS CRIME

### Robber Shoots from Ambush, Leaps Forth, Seizes Money Bag and Flies Before People Can Raise a Hand. Italians Attack Wagon.

BLUEFIELD, W. VA., August 21.—Shot from ambush by an unknown assassin, whose motive undoubtedly was robbery, W. H. Oakley, postmaster of the Franklin Construction Company, of Rock, W. Va., died to-day just as his stayer took from him \$2,000 in cash, with which he was preparing to pay off the company's employees.

The murderer fled to the mountains, closely pursued by a posse of fifty men, determined upon summary vengeance. At a late hour to-night word reached here that the fugitive had been captured and executed, but this report lacks confirmation.

The shooting occurred within five hundred feet of the express office at Rock. Several persons saw Oakley fall, but before they could reach his side, the assassin had left his place of concealment, and the roadside had robbed his victim, and had made good his escape.

Those who witnessed the crime declare it was most cold-blooded, and the community is greatly wrought up over the murder. Chief of Police Neukirch and Deputy Sheriff Carter left Bluefield this afternoon with bloodhounds to assist in the chase.

It is said that the unknown man who did the shooting was recognized by the witnesses as a supposed tramp, who had been loitering in the vicinity of Rock for several days.

Oakley was a young man, and was to be married during the early autumn.

### Italians Attempt Holdup.

The presence of mind of a negro driver, the traveling companion of the alleged Italian highwayman to hold up the Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Company's pay wagon, containing \$15,000, between Norfolk and Shamokin Collieries this morning.

The robbers opened fire on the wagon under cover of the coke ovens, which lie the mountain road. The driver fell backward in the wagon to escape the bullets, but before he did so he whipped up the team of mules, causing them to run away. When the robbers saw they had failed to stop the wagon they fled into the mountains, but three were captured later at Annawlat. A large posse is in pursuit of the others. The captured men, now in jail at Welch, have been identified as Angelo Akorne, Angelo Demare and John Perloff.

Payroll Clerk J. B. Crawford was slightly wounded in the shoulder, Joe Coffey, his assistant, was the only other occupant of the wagon besides the driver.

About one year ago a similar attack was made on the United States Coal and Coke Company's pay wagon in the same locality and the robbers secured \$7,000.

## IN A PECK OF TROUBLE

### Husband's Curious Way of Winning Wife Back Is a Failure.

NEW YORK, August 21.—In the seclusion of the Tombs, Adolph Schloss is meditating to-night the ironic futility of his efforts to effect a reconciliation with his wife. He admits that his domestic troubles, he now has a thoroughly angry and puzzled police department to placate. His wife has gone to the country, his children are in the care of the Gerry Society, and he is isolated.

Yesterday the two children, one four years old and the other thirteen months, were found abandoned in Central Park. Pinned to the baby's carriage was a pathetic note, signed with their mother's initials, and indicating that she intended to commit suicide. While the police, with the hope of finding the woman's body, were busy dragging the park lakes to-day Schloss turned up at the Gerry Society's building to claim the children. On being questioned he admitted that he had written the note in the hope—precisely how he could not explain—that when his wife, who refuses to live with him, read it in the papers she would be drawn back to him. Thus far the wife has not returned home, and he is now being held in the Tombs to answer to Schloss must plead to a charge of abandonment.

## CONSPIRATORS PUNISHED

### Japanese to Spend Ten Months in Jail and Pay \$300 Each.

HONOLULU, August 21.—Ten months' imprisonment and a fine of \$300 each was the sentence imposed to-day by Judge J. T. Deloit on President Makino, of the Japanese Higher Wage Association; Editor Soga, of the Nippon Jiji, the Japanese newspaper supporting the strike of the plantation laborers; and Negoro and Taschaka, assistant editors on the paper. The four Japanese were found guilty on August 18 of criminal conspiracy in connection with the strike. The limit under the law is a year's imprisonment and \$100 fine.

## GAYNOR ASKS TIME

### Sued by Blugham for \$100,000 for Alleged Libel.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NEW YORK, August 21.—There was placed on the calendar to-day in special term, Part IV, of the Supreme Court, an argument on Monday an application of Supreme Court Justice Gaynor for an extension of time in which to answer a suit for libel brought against him by former Police Commissioner Blugham to recover \$100,000 for damages to his honor and reputation. Blugham based his suit on letters which Justice Gaynor sent to the Mayor concerning the case of George E. Duffy.

## SPEEDWAY AGAIN SCENE OF DEATH

### Three Killed, Three Badly Injured in Race at Indianapolis.

## FLYING MACHINE DASHES IN CROWD

### Many People Hurt in Stampede to Escape—Second Accident Follows First in Quick Succession—Oldfield Makes a New World's Record.

## The Speedway's Toll

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 21.—The three deaths to-day raised the toll of the speedway to seven lives this week. William A. Bourque and his mechanic, Harry Holcombe, of the Knox racing team, were killed in an accident in the 250-mile race on Thursday. Cliff Litterer, a Stoddard-Turday mechanic, was killed by being hit by a big racing machine while on his way out to the track. On Thursday Elmer Grampon, a six-year-old boy, was killed by the automobile of Dr. Clark E. Day, of this city, while the latter was driving to the speedway for the first day's race.

To-night a pall of gloom hangs over the city, and the more reckless automobilists drive more carefully through the streets than they do in the track. The frightful penalty paid for a few broken speed records is greater than was bargained for when Indianapolis threw open the gates of its "Great Speedway in the World."

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 21.—Another toll of death was paid at the Motor Speedway in the closing race of the afternoon, when three people were killed, three badly injured and a number bruised, either by being struck by the wrecked automobiles or by the stampede which followed almost to a panic.

The dead are Benjamin Logan, of this city; John Joliffe, of Trafalgar, and Claude Kellum, of Kokomo, a mechanic of the wrecked car. The badly injured are Henry Tompkins and Henry Lapping, of this city, and Bruce Keene, driver of a Marmon car, who was badly cut and bruised about the head in a second accident.

Fully 5,000 people were lined up at the fence which surrounded the speedway, and during the afternoon the police had a great deal of trouble keeping them from crowding upon the track. Others persisted in sitting on the fence, and despite police warnings, many went over the speedway from time to time.

### Dashed Into Fence.

It was while thousands of persons were pushing and surging for places at the fence, and while the 300-mile race was in progress, that the National car, with Merz as driver, and Kellum as mechanic, came down the track with terrific bursts of speed and dashed into the fence and the spectators at the south end of the speedway.

The car, which was on the right, front wheel had burst just as it got to the point. The machine turned turtle; Kellum was pitched against the fence with terrific force and Merz was caught in the wheel. In twisting and turning the car was turned over and turned off the throttling engine, and then called to those who had gathered around to look after Kellum, seemingly having no thought for himself.

The wheel had run into the crowd, but by some lucky chance the people scattered just as it struck the fence, and thus many escaped death or serious injury. Kellum and the others were rushed off to the emergency hospital. The machine had run into the crowd, and was found in the held where it came in contact with the fence, and his body was a mass of bruises. From the first examination it was clear that he was fatally injured, and he died an hour later.

### Stampede to Escape.

Logan was picked up unconscious. The wrecked machine had struck him and wedged him in against the fence. He was bruised in many places, and there were signs of his head and shoulders. He died in a few moments. Joliffe was bruised all over, and was dead when taken from under the end of the machine.

In the crowd at the fence were many women and children, and when the machine turned turtle and the people rushed over the fence there was a mad rush to get out of the way, people falling over one another, and some of them being trampled in the stampede. This lasted but a moment, however, and the injuries thus received were of a minor character.

Merz, who was not hurt beyond a few scratches, was perfectly self-possessed as he lay under the machine and seemed to have his thought centered upon his father and his mechanic. He asked that some one go at once and tell his father that he was safe, and that he was all right. The father and son were very affecting, the driver being lifted from under the machine just as the old man arrived.

Merz gave an account of the accident himself. He said he was driving close to the outside of the track on account of the better condition at that point when the tire burst. At the same moment he struck the bridge that spans a small stream and the car leaped high in the air, left the course and turned over among the spectators who were lined up at the fence. He said he knew that he was not badly injured, but he feared for Kellum, whose body he saw flying through space toward the fence, which it struck with such terrible force. Kellum was a patriotic mechanic, having taken a place of Lyons, who had fallen from exhaustion early in the race.

The second accident that resulted (Continued on Page Two—Column 1.)

## WELLMAN'S GREAT BALLOON A WRECK

### Second Attempt to Fly to North Pole Disastrous Failure.

## EXPLOSION FINAL MISHAP OF SERIES

### Rope Holding Store of Provisions Snaps and, Relieved of Weight, Airship Shoots Up to Perilous Height Above Clouds—Party Safe.

CAMP WELLMAN, SPITZBERGEN, August 21.—(Via Hammerfest, August 21.)—Walter Wellman's second attempt to sail over the North Pole in a balloon has resulted in failure. The giant dirigible, America, in which Mr. Wellman and his party of three set out upon their perilous flight to-day, met with a mishap after it had proceeded about thirty-two miles from the starting point. Mr. Wellman and his party succeeded in making a landing without injury to any member, and returned to this point on board the steamer Fram, which also towed the balloon.

### Shot High Into Air.

After long preparation and waiting for favorable weather, the opportunity came to-day, and Mr. Wellman decided early in the morning to make the start. At 10 o'clock the anchors were cast loose, the dirigible was ascended beautifully. The engines were set in motion and everything seemed to work to perfection.

The big craft was headed northward, and set out at a speed of twenty-five miles an hour. After it had covered about thirty-two miles, the leather guide rope, to which was attached 1,000 pounds of provisions and stores, broke away. This was just as the balloon was nearing the pack ice of North Spitzbergen.

Released from this weight the airship shot upward at a terrific rate, until it was at a great height above the clouds. The pilots succeeded, however, in bringing the dirigible near the earth, turned her about, and set out to fight their way southward against a strong wind.

The balloon proceeded slowly southward to the edge of the pack ice, where the steamer Fram was anchored. The Fram started to tow the airship to Spitzbergen. The strain was so great, however, that it threatened to tear to pieces the car to which the rope was attached, and Mr. Wellman finally decided to bring the dirigible down to the surface of the water. This was effected without mishap and the car rested on the water until all the members of the crew, the dogs, and the scientific instruments could be transferred aboard the Fram.

### Balloon Explodes.

A fresh start was then made, and the America was towed back to the landing stage and within a short distance of the point where the start was made.

But the ill luck of the expedition was not yet at an end. Just as the balloon had reached the landing stage, and everything looked favorable for its rescue without serious damage, a sudden gust of wind caught the big inflated bag broadside and snatched it away from its tow lines. It was carried careening over rough ice hummocks for some distance, and then it exploded.

All the scattered parts of the balloon were subsequently recovered, but the damage was so great that it precludes any further attempt to fly over the Pole this year.

## KILLED BY WILD BEASTS

### Man Elopement With Two Women and All Three Are Found Dead.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
TUXTEPEC, OJIZTEPEC, MEXICO, August 21.—Sisto Gonzalez, well-known in this section, eloped with two daughters of Jose Flores, a wealthy hacendado, making the girls steal a large sum of money belonging to their father. The elopement was a mystery, unless it was hypnotism.

The father, accompanied by several policemen, hurried on their trail. Quite a distance from this place, near Villa Flores, they found the bodies of the young man and of both girls, horribly mangled by wild beasts, scarcely recognizable, except for their clothing. A purse containing all the money stolen was found in a nearby tree.

## WILL DEFY LAW AGAIN

### No Lid Big Enough to Close Atlantic City Saloons.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., August 21.—Atlantic City will be wide open tomorrow unless there is a rapid change in the attitude of officials, politicians in charge of the resort, saloon keepers and amusement men. With the greatest of ease they are now doing in the resort, the entire city appears to have decided to ignore the possibility of a law being passed to close saloons, and will forward a "lid" in the shape of an order to the Mayor and Chief of Police to shut down the saloons.

## DROWNED ON ISTHMUS

### Nephew of Former Governor Hoke Smith Meets Death in Chagres River.

ATLANTA, GA., August 21.—Gordon Burton Smith, aged twenty-one, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Smith, of this city, and nephew of former Governor Hoke Smith, was drowned yesterday in the Chagres River, Isthmus of Panama, according to a cable message received by the young man's father to-day. The body has not been recovered.

### Car, Go Through Burning Trestle.

SERIOUSLY injuring an engineer and a mail clerk, the mail and baggage car of the southbound Spokane Falls passenger train plunged to-day through a burning trestle, two miles south of Darby, Siding. The rest of the train remained on the track, but all the coaches were burned.

## BRONSON-HOWARD IN JAIL

### Man Who Married Miss Skinner Under Threat of Serious Charge.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NEW YORK, August 21.—George F. Bronson-Howard, co-author with Wilson Mizner, of "The Only Law," now running at the Haymarket theatre, was arrested to-night and lodged in a police headquarters on the complaint of Theodora Gerard, a show girl in "Havana," who charges Howard with robbing her of a valuable diamond and emerald ring, after threatening to kill her.

According to Miss Gerard, Howard made the threat and secured the ring at her apartment at 45 West Thirty-fourth Street late in the afternoon. She called up police headquarters to-night, and after relating the story of the robbery, said that she feared Howard would lay in wait for her at the theatre. Detective Wilbur hung about the Casino stage door until 10:30 o'clock, when Howard appeared. He admitted his identity, and was told that he would have to accompany the detective to police headquarters. As they started away from the theatre Howard turned and said: "I'll go along all right, but first won't you let me go inside the theatre for a moment? To show you that I don't mean to escape, I'll leave this ring with you."

He produced a diamond and emerald ring and laid it in the detective's hand. "That isn't your ring," said Wilbur. "It's the one you took from the girl this afternoon."

Howard protested that the ring was his property, and again begged to be allowed to go in to the theatre for a minute. Wilbur pretended to consent, but followed closely behind Howard, who, instead of going inside, slipped downstairs. Wilbur found him fumbling at his belt, and remembering what Miss Gerard had told him, and was told that he would have to accompany the detective to police headquarters. As they started away from the theatre Howard turned and said: "I'll go along all right, but first won't you let me go inside the theatre for a moment? To show you that I don't mean to escape, I'll leave this ring with you."

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## CARNIVAL OF GRAFT

### Montreal Loses Millions Through Operations of Gang.

MONTREAL, August 21.—Testimony showing that the city of Montreal has lost millions of dollars in graft, and work and the official positions of all kinds have been bought and sold for years has been brought out by the inquiry into civic affairs begun by the provincial government several weeks ago.

The investigation covered the administration of the police, fire and public works departments, each of which is controlled by a committee of Aldermen, with an administrative chief appointed by the committee. In the fire and police departments it is alleged that appointments were openly bought and sold at a price of \$200 each.

In the public works department, sworn testimony showed that the lowest bidders were ignored and that the contracts were awarded to higher bidders, who had a "pull" with a certain middleman, who conducted negotiations between the bidders and the city. The excess price paid by the city for paving was shown to average 60 cents a yard, while the lowest bid was for \$1.00. The total cost of the paving was \$1,000,000, which he farmed out to subcontractors at a handsome profit.

It is estimated that these transactions have cost the city from \$250,000 to \$500,000 a year in one department alone.

The investigation is not yet completed. It was begun at the instance of a citizens' committee, which raised the necessary fund and employed counsel to conduct their case. Partly as a result of the revelation of the graft, an election will be held here on September 20 on the question of reducing the number of Aldermen and abolishing the board of commissioners to administer the city's affairs, subject to the approval of the Council.

## REVEAL PRISON SCANDAL

### Bankers Serving Terms Dig Up Graft Story in Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, PA., August 21.—Disclosure of a deficit of \$82,000 in the accounts of a bank employee employed to fix the financial status of the Western Pennsylvania Penitentiary. The investigation was started following a recent change of administration, and was conducted by a number of prominent bankers now serving time in the institution.

The \$82,000 is accounted for in the bookkeeping. Brooms and broom material valued at that amount is stored away. This extraordinary purchase has caused the financial records of the prison. The hosiery department, it is said, has been running at a loss of \$1,500 a year, and rugs and carpets have been sold for less than was paid for the material. For some time to come, until the next State appropriation, the expenses of the penitentiary will be met with borrowed money.

## YOUNG WOMAN MAY DIE

### Miss Musa Ellison Terribly Hurt in Auto Accident at Raleigh.

RALEIGH, N. C., August 21.—Miss Musa Ellison, a popular young woman of this city, was caught under a wrecked automobile this morning, four miles from Raleigh, and was so badly injured that she may die. She was driving a Buick, a four-whe